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Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION
SULFONATED POLYMER COMPOSITION FOR FORMING FUEL CELL ELECTRODES

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The person identified below is hereby/has been appointed to act on behalf of the applicant(s) before the competent International Authorities as:

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Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM

The priority of the following earlier application(s) is hereby claimed:

Filing date of earlier application (day/month/year)	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is:		
		national application: country or Member of WTO	regional application:* regional Office	international application: receiving Office
item (1) 20/September/2001 20/09/2001	09/956,256			
item (2) 01/April/2002 01/04/2002	60/368,527			
item (3) 02/April/2002 02/04/2002	60/368,958			
item (4)				
item (5)				

☐ Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box.

The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) (only if the earlier application was filed with the Office which for the purposes of this international application is the receiving Office) identified above as:

☒ all items ☐ item (1) ☐ item (2) ☐ item (3) ☐ item (4) ☐ item (5) ☐ other, see Supplemental Box

* Where the earlier application is an ARIPO application, indicate at least one country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or one Member of the World Trade Organization for which that earlier application was filed (Rule 4.10(b)(ii)):

Box No. VII INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY**Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA)** (if two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used):

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Date (day/month/year)

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Box No. IX CHECK LIST; LANGUAGE OF FILING

This international application contains:

(a) in paper form, the following number of sheets:

request (including declaration sheets) : 5
 description (excluding sequence listings and/or tables related thereto) : 16
 claims : 5
 abstract : 1
 drawings : 1

Sub-total number of sheets : 28

sequence listings :

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Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract: 1

Language of filing of the international application: English

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3. Corrected date of actual receipt due to later but timely received papers or drawings completing the purported international application:

4. Date of timely receipt of the required corrections under PCT Article 11(2):

5. International Searching Authority

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2. Drawings:

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FEE CALCULATION SHEET

Annex to the Request

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2. SEARCH FEE

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International search to be carried out by US

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